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(TEXT) SUBSERGEANT JOSE DESPOSORIO LOPEZ GARCIA HAS TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF 32-YEAR-OLD U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL DAVID KLINE, WHO WAS KILLED ON 13 OCTOBER 1982 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GOTERA.

THE REPORT ON HOW THE CRIME TOOK PLACE SAID THAT MICHAEL DAVID KLINE WAS TRAVELING ON A BUS TO SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA WHEN SOLDIERS AT A CHECKPOINT STOPPED THE BUS FOR INSPECTION. THE U.S. CITIZEN, HOWEVER, WAS UNAWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND DID NOT GET OFF THE BUS.

THE SUBSERGEANT ORDERED THAT KLINE BE REMOVED FROM THE BUS AND THAT HE REMAIN WITH THE TROOPS. HE THEN ORDERED THE BUS TO MOVE ON, WHILE KLINE WAS TO BE TAKEN AWAY IN ANOTHER VEHICLE.

ACCORDING TO SUBSGT LOPEZ GARCIA'S REPORT, MICHAEL DAVID KLINE SUDDENLY RUSHED TOWARD ONE OF THE SOLDIERS TO GRAB HIS RIFLE, SO THE SUBSERGEANT KILLED HIM.

THE SUBSERGEANT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SOLDIERS HECTOR ANTONIO URBINA REYES AND CRISTOBAL GARCIA, ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMANDO TRAINING CENTER. THEY WERE SERVING AS GUARDS FOR A RADIO RELAY STATION IN EL LLANO DE SANTIAGO, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, MORAZAN DEPARTMENT.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WHICH HAD REQUESTED THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE INCIDENT BE EXPANDED, TODAY REQUESTED A COPY OF THE SUBSERGEANT'S OFFICIAL REPORT ON HOW THE CRIME OCCURRED. THE AUTOPSY ON THE BODY OF MICHAEL DAVID KLINE ON 14 OCTOBER, AFTER IT WAS BROUGHT TO SAN SALVADOR FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, INDICATED THAT HE SUSTAINED BULLET WOUNDS FROM A G-3 RIFLE.

THE CASE IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE SECOND PENAL COURT OF SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. THE SUBSERGEANT AND THE TWO SOLDIERS WHO WERE ACCOMPANYING HIM ARE BEING HELD IN THE GOTERA PRISON.

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